

The Dead Horse DISPATCH

June 2010

A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park

How Hot is DHRSP In July?

Overheard Park Attendees Muttering the Following Statements Gives Us a Clue

1. "It's so hot," Rose Larramore said, "I saw two trees fighting over a dog in Quail Loop."
2. Barbie Hart said, "I saw a bird using a potholder to pull a worm out of the ground."
3. Randy Victory shared his biggest bike wreck fear with Nan Hephner, "What if I crash my bike and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death out here??" (see above picture generously supplied by Nan)
4. A sad Arizonian camper prayed, "I wish it would rain - not so much for me, cuz I've seen it, but for my 7 year old."
5. Les Bovee, "My dream house is in Alaska!!"
6. Tom Sanor is quoted as saying, "It's warm and sunny everywhere you go! It's like living in the french fry bin at McDonalds."
7. Eric saw Bill Warner actually breaking a sweat at work!
8. Bob Akey is reported as saying, "I saw a cow giving evaporated milk."
9. Randy Victory was overheard saying, "I heard that Satan called in and took the day off!!"
10. Eric Buzonas said, "It's so hot in Arizona, that John & Wanda Ward are actually turning off their furnace in Ontario."

Farewell Party for Manager Les & Elizabeth Bovee... Continued



Above, Barbie Hart enjoyed the camaraderie at Former Manager Les Bovee's retirement potluck in April with a kiss from her husband, John, while Margie Sanchez and Maryan Pharo look on. The letter she sent after the Birdie Verdie Festival is below:



Volunteers Bill Lefleur, Sharon Munson and Pat Hawker enjoy the food and camaraderie at the farewell potluck for volunteers and for Park Manager Les Bovee and his wife, Elizabeth.



(Above) Due to warm weather, the cake had a bit of a rough time arriving at the potluck in pristine condition, but it still tasted wonderful - a real chocolate fix.



What a wonderful special edition newsletter. I don't know how I can thank all the hard working staff and volunteers that helped make the Family Nature Day and the festival as a whole the big success that it was. From building the games, manning the stations, setting-up the tents, filling the feeders, making sure the AV equipment worked for the workshops, manning the front desk, spreading wood chips, helping with take-down and all the big and little jobs that go into making things work, it was all appreciated. I hope everyone got one of our souvenir 10th Anniversary pins and if you didn't, let me know and I'll make sure you have one. Thank you every one. Barbie Hart

(Below) Elizabeth holds Les' hat up so he can be seen in the photo, as he serves cake to his first customers: Eric & Rebecca Buzonas' daughter, Kayla, and Justin & Michele Swiger's daughters, Stacey & Karlee.





Assistant Manager Justin Swiger enjoys a quiet moment with his kids, Wyatt and Karlee.



Nathan Buzonas had a great time at the party, laughing and talking to all the people at the gathering.

Les was given a compass, a bell, a carton of blackberries, a jar of honey and a red T-shirt with Grizzly Food printed on the front. On the back there was a target so the bear wouldn't have any problem finding his prey.



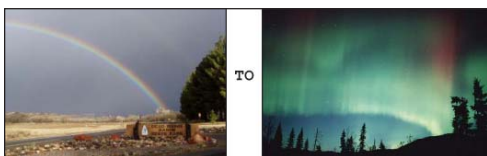
(L to R) Office Manager Linda Hauk, Volunteers Laurie Blitsch, Carl Hartman and Karen Trushell, and Linda's husband, Randall, listen as volunteer Barb Penny tells a story about Les.



(Below) Les and Elizabeth Bovee cut the cake and served it to the volunteers and rangers sitting around and enjoying the retirement party (Right).



Volunteer Coordinator Eric Buzonas managed to grab a bite with wife, Rebecca, and Bird Festival Coordinator Barbie Hart and her spouse, John.



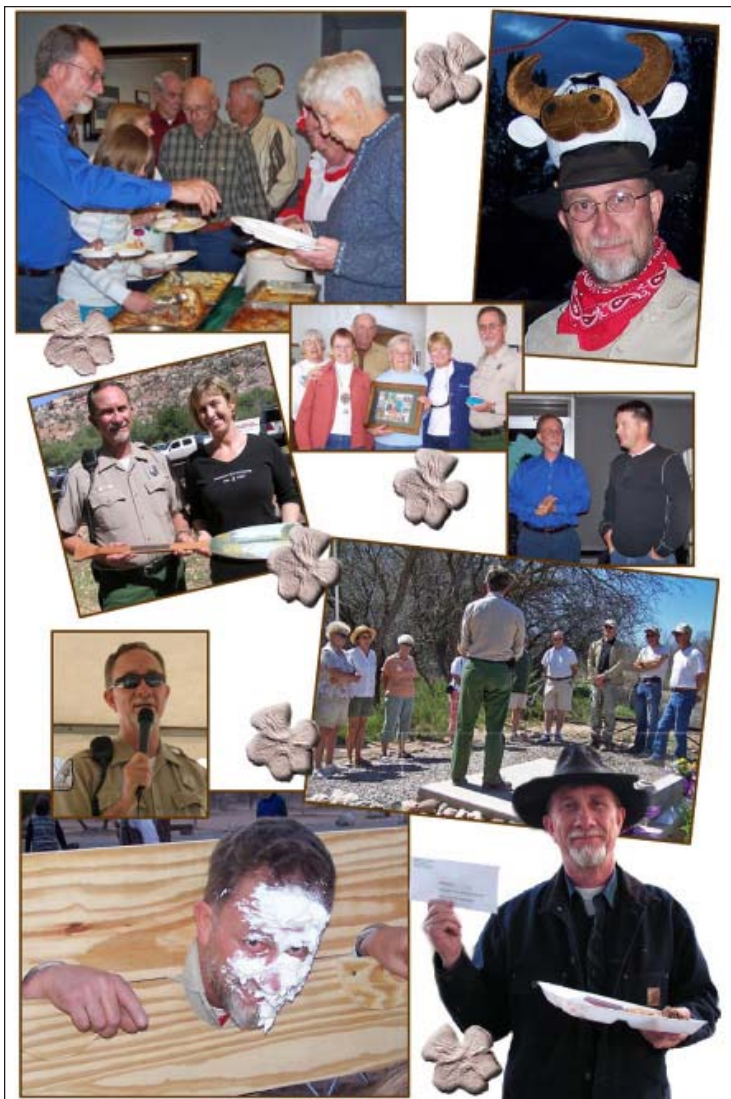
Hi Erik, Hope you and your family are well and had a good winter in spite of what we were hearing about Arizona State Parks. This past winter we spent two months touring around, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and finally into Florida where we spent three months at Myakka River State Park near Sarasota. We are now back home in Ontario until the end of October. Hope to come back to Arizona some day, but think we will wait until the economy improves and the situation in the parks is more settled and you have work for us. We have been invited back to Myakka River for Jan-April 2011 and have accepted. They especially wanted us until the end of April, because Easter is April 24 next year and just like at DHRSP that week is crazy. We like it at Myakka and so far there is still lots of work for Tom to do (You know how Tom likes to keep busy) and I am kept very busy in the Ranger Station. We do enjoy Arizona immensely, however, and hope to see you sometime in DHRSP. Best to All, Anne & Tom Howe



Volunteers Nan and Norm Hephner visited Manager George Christianson and family at Lyman Lake SP, when they left DHRSP around May 1st. George enjoys his new position, especially the fact that the lake is over-full this year and great for boating. That will mean lots of visitors and reservations. George was former assistant manager at Dead Horse and is now manager at Lyman Lake, which will be open through the summer. He and Audra appreciate visitors at any time. (Right) George and Audra's four girls are adapting to life at Lyman, and like the park and their new school. They ride the bus to and from school, and are planning to enjoy a great summer. That's Ariana in pink, and, left to right, Cassidy, Kelsey and Meghan.



Reports from Nan and Norm on the road...



Dear Les & Elizabeth, I wish you a very wonderful adventure in Alaska. May it be truly blessed. I hope Carolyn & I can come visit someday. Thank you for your gentle nature Les. I remember you when the Return of the Ancestors was happening, you put out such a welcome energy.

Love, Trish Muchler

Here is one for Les from me...

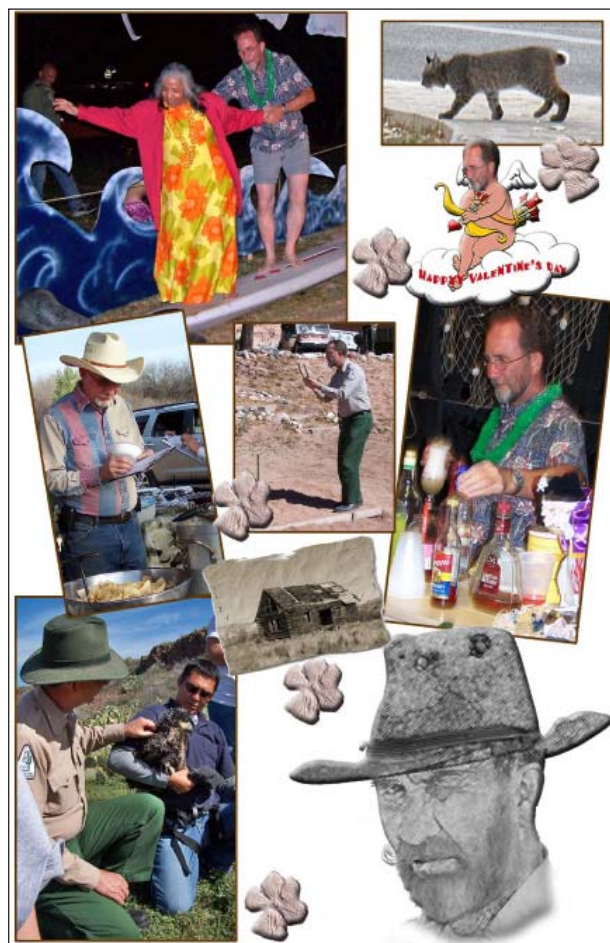
Do you remember when I stuck the remote control fart machine under your office chair during a construction meeting with Qwest? You came out of your office with a red face stating, "This isn't the time for this, Eric!"

Eric Buzonas

Dear Liz and Les – we will miss you so much. You were a big part of all our experiences at Dead Horse – from parties and potlucks, to office work and midnight police calls. One of my fondest memories is the opportunity to see and touch the baby eagles hauled up out of Sycamore Canyon for tagging, weighing, etc. The eagle means a lot to me, so it was incredible to be in on that experience.

And then there's the two of you riding the surfboard at the Luau, having a great time in spite of the lack of real waves and sea water. Oh, you were a wonderful outlaw at the Wild West Potluck a few years back, One-Eyed Bart or something like that, and the hat is amazing. Looks like it has been through quite a few adventures. And how many park managers would allow themselves to be caught, stuck in stocks, and attacked with whipped cream pies? Not many. We wish you two the very best in Alaska, as the adventure continues. Hope you get out and explore everything, and that you keep in touch always and tell us about your experiences. Our best to you both!

Nan and Norm Hephner



Want to see more of Les' Celebration Retirement Party?

Just click on this link (or copy n paste)....
www.beachsonlocation.com/LesBoveeParty510
 Susan Beach, Photography and Graphic Design



Susan Beach is a VV Birding & Nature Festival volunteer that has assisted Barbie Hart over the years. She and her husband own Beaches on Location, which specializes in photography. Susan is often behind the scenes at the VVBNF taking a wealth of photos that highlight each year's event. Thanks Susan!



"CASE DISMISSED - 1 JUST REACHED RETIREMENT AGE!"

Hi Les,

Wish I could be there for the party but I unfortunately will be traveling, [well, maybe that is not unfortunate?] anyhow, I want to wish you the best of everything in your retirement. You have earned it and now enjoy it!

I appreciate the opportunity of having worked with you as one of your volunteers at the park. You are a great manager and your retirement is going to be a loss to the State Park System. But, life goes on and so do we. Good luck and God Speed to you and Elizabeth in you new endeavors.

My door is always open to you and when you are back in Cottonwood stop in for a cup.

Sincerely,

Bud Jenkins

Please tell Les and Elizabeth we are excited for the new move!

Perhaps we will see them there when we hit Alaska on the tour.

Hope all is well

-Indigo

It's not about what you have, it's about what you have to give.

Indigo Cantor
Commander in Chief
at The ZEN ARMY
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www.thevolunteerfour.com



We thought a lot of Les and his wife. We enjoyed volunteering at Dead Horse Ranch State Park. We are assuming that Les and Elizabeth are going to Alaska from the picture. Will this be retirement or work?
Sincerely, Don & Sue Neal

Carolyn, To you and all that were a part of the May newsletter, VERY nice job and thanks for sending.
Quail Carl Hartman

Thanks Carolyn, for sending the DHRSP newsletter to me. I do enjoy them so much. Miss it in Cottonwood and still know (some) of the people at DHRSP. Please keep them coming.
Judy Drake

Hi Carolyn, Hope you have or had a great Easter. Our weather is supposed to be beautiful. I sure hope so. Thanks for all your help, the newsletter is always so well received. You may want to do a foot note, if people move or change phone #'s, email addresses, please keep us updated. Hope you and Trish are both enjoying Florida. Take care, Linda Hauk

This will give you an idea of where Elizabeth and I will be living for the next couple of years (or maybe longer).
<http://www.akbeautiful.com/ak4/bristol-bay-dillingham-alaska.html>
Les

Les, I will always remember you as a considerate and sensitive person, to the people who have come to DHRSP. I know you are loved by the volunteers and highly respected by the other rangers, but my memories of the Return of the Ancestors, last spring, made me realize how gentle and caring a person you are. I treasure the visions I have of you (on bicycle) monitoring, patrolling, keeping honor and respectful security to all who were involved. I am proud to have known you Les, and hope that someday we will meet again.
Carolyn Meehan

The Kartchner Caverns Team of Volunteer Day Captains



...has pulled together and done amazing things for the park. They perform juggling acts to rival any circus. They man the phones like no telemarketer we've seen. They organize for daily disasters like the Red Cross. They assist with calling other volunteers to ensure proper staffing, helping cover tours and other needs like a baker putting frosting on the cake and at times they have done it without the benefit of a volunteer coordinator. They are dressed for stress but if you look closely you will see a little smirk on their faces that says "HA. We did it again." This incredible group of people consists of **Pam Sanor** (right), Renée Bahl (left), Carolyn Holloway, Dot Burgess, Ken Hartz, Bernie Hartz, Linda Flannigan, Joanne Campbell, & Ruthann McConnell.



Volunteer News Coming & Goings

- * Park Manager Tim Kristoff (Welcome Tim!)
- * John & MaryLou Anderson, Quail Loop, arrived June 1st. Welcome!
- * Judy & Gale Schmidt arrive July 1st, Raven Loop, new to DHRSP this year. Welcome to our extended family!
- * Les & Elizabeth Bovee to Alaska!! We'll miss you!!!
- * Bruce & Susan Williamson, Red Tail Loop leaving July 6th, to Riverside, California.

Dates to Remember June

- 4 - Volunteer Meeting, Friday, 10 am
- 18 - Volunteer Meeting, Friday, 10 am

July

- 2 - Volunteer Meeting, Friday, 10 am
- 16 - Volunteer Meeting, Friday, 10 am
- 30 - Volunteer Meeting, Friday, 10 am

June Milestones

- 3-Judi & Keith Mangels (1961)
- 3-Les Bovee
- 5-Bob & Elsie Ross
- 6-Anne Foster
- 6-Jette Monahan
- 8-Gary Munson
- 12-Su Cain
- 12-Russ & Joyce Jones (1999)
- 13-Jim & Jette Monahan (1970)
- 13-Linda & Randall Hauk (1993)
- 15-Bob & Toni Mann (1963)
- 18-Rob Burson
- 18-Su & Bill Cain
- 21-Pam Sanor
- 22-Dave & Carol Nank (1963)
- 23-Bill Cain
- 23-Nan Hephner
- 24-Anita Coates-Ohlhaber
- 26-Cyril Soukup
- 26-Gordon & Betty Lawrick (1965)
- 30-Tom & Pam Sanor (1988)
- 30-Harold Flavell

Recipes

Chicken Salad from Barb's friend Sam

Mix together chopped chicken breast, craisens, sliced almonds, curry power, coriander, celery and mayo and serve on crackers or bread. Garnish as you wish.